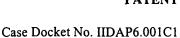
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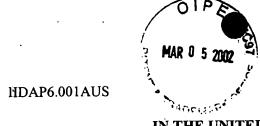
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In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 1, 2002, Applicants hereby elect Group II, consisting of Claims 2-5 and 7-10, drawn to process of heat treating and working, classified in class 148, subclass 689. This election is made without traverse.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant submits that the above election of Group II, now places the application in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions which may be answered by telephone, he is invited to call the undersigned directly.

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